

Oryx Draw Licenses

(See *Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following*, page 20.)

Application and Licenses

The majority of these hunts occur on the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). No more than two persons may apply on each application. Applicants may designate up to three hunt-code choices. Application must be made by March 18, 2015. Only U.S. citizens may apply for WSMR Security Badge Hunts. Foreign nationals may apply for Premier Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts, however, if drawn they must be escorted at all times by an authorized WSMR official while on the WSMR.

All Premier, Broken Horn, Returning Veteran and Youth-Only Oryx Hunts are three-day hunts. Friday will be primarily for checking into WSMR. If no military missions are scheduled, hunting may be allowed on Friday afternoons after check-in. Additional information concerning Friday opportunities will be included with a letter which will be sent to each license holder.

Military authorities may delay or cancel hunts if public safety is of concern. The number of licenses issued may be reduced below the maximum number listed, if population survey results warrant.

License Fees

Resident

Nonresident

All hunts, except Private-land Hunts \$160 \$1,623

Individuals applying for an Oryx Draw License must pay the license and nonrefundable application fee at the time of application. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required.

Hunts taking place off the WMSR range require a Habitat Management Stamp.

Hunts on the WSMR range will be charged a \$150 per hunter access fee. Successful WSMR-range applicants will receive a letter from WSMR with instructions for fee payment. Hunters are responsible for timely payment and will not be allowed to hunt if the access fee has not been paid by the specified deadline.

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Security

Hunters who successfully draw for a WSMR hunt (guests included) must first complete a security-background check to be allowed on WSMR. Security-background registration forms will be sent in advance to all successful license holders prior to the hunt. All hunters (guests included) must have completed forms approved prior to being allowed access to WSMR. Vehicles entering WSMR are subject to search by WSMR security officers.

WSMR bans all alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, camcorders, radar detectors and concealed weapons. Discovery of banned items and/or failure to comply with WSMR requirements or other laws and regulation can result in revocation of hunting privileges on WSMR. Violators will not be afforded opportunity to correct violations. If escorted off WSMR, license fees are nonrefundable.

Oryx

Licenses, applications, harvest reports and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Blaze-Orange Clothing: Hunters (guests included) must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze-orange clothing while hunting on military property. **Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts:** All Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunts are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts. **Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt:** Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts are **not** Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts (page 131). Those who have held an Once-in-a-Lifetime Oryx License **may apply** for a Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt. **Bag Limit:** ES (any oryx of either sex); BHO (any broken-horn oryx).

Special Restrictions

- All Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunts are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts and **may not be applied for if previously held**. If another oryx license type (such as the Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt) has been previously held, applicants remain eligible and may still apply for Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunt.
- No more than three hunt choices may be designated on each application. For questions about eligibility for a license, contact any NMDGF area office or telephone: **1-888-248-6866**.
- Successful applicants will receive a letter from WSMR with instructions how to check-in and check-out of the WSMR, as well as a hunt-area map, identifying closed areas where no hunting will be allowed.
- No more than three guests may accompany each licensed hunter to assist in cleaning and loading a downed oryx. **Only U.S. citizens** may be guests of permitted hunters, unless guests of an approved foreign-national hunter with an official escort. No additional help for cleaning and loading will be available. Guests may not help the licensed hunter kill the oryx.

Hunting Guides: White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) only allows use of outfitters and guides for Oryx Once-in-a-Lifetime, Youth-Only and Mobility-Impaired Hunts. Only those outfitters and guides registered with WSMR **in advance of the hunt** will be allowed to operate on the Range. **Outfitters and guides are not authorized for Security-Badge Hunts or Population-Management Hunts.** It is the hunter's responsibility to verify that an outfitter or guide is in compliance with WSMR policies. For further information about registration requirements contact White Sands Missile Range at: (575) 678-7909 or (575) 678-7095.

Legal Sporting Arms: Centerfire rifle or handgun, .24 caliber or larger; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; bow and arrows; crossbow and bolts; or muzzleloading rifle no smaller than .45 caliber.

Premier Hunts (These are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Rhodes Canyon - Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 4-6	ORX-1-101 . . . . .	.20 . . . . .	.ES
Stallion Range	Oct. 2-4	ORX-1-102 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 13-15	ORX-1-104 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES
Stallion Range	Jan. 8-10, '16	ORX-1-106 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 22-24, '16	ORX-1-108 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES
Stallion Range	Feb. 19-21, '16	ORX-1-110 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES

Youth-Only Hunt (This is not an Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt.)

Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of a Hunter Education number (page 8) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Rhodes Canyon - Youth Only	Sept. 4-6	ORX-1-100 . . . . .	.30 . . . . .	.ES

Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Those who have held an Once-in-a-Lifetime Oryx License **may apply** for a Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Stallion Range	Oct. 2-4	ORX-1-118 . . . . .	.5 . . . . .	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 13-15	ORX-1-119 . . . . .	.5 . . . . .	.BHO
Stallion Range	Jan. 8-10, '16	ORX-1-120 . . . . .	.5 . . . . .	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 22-24, '16	ORX-1-121 . . . . .	.5 . . . . .	.BHO
Stallion Range	Feb. 19-21, '16	ORX-1-122 . . . . .	.5 . . . . .	.BHO

WSMR Security Badge Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

WSMR does not allow access to hunters using a registered outfitter.

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) officially notified the Department of Game and Fish that applicants who are successful in drawing a Security Badge Oryx license from the 10% New Mexico Outfitter license allocation will be denied access to hunt on White Sands Missile Range. WSMR's official notification conflicts with the ability of the Department to allocate 10% of all draw hunts to individuals who apply for a license utilizing a registered New Mexico outfitter. Because of this conflict, all Applicants are notified that applying for the Security Badge Oryx hunts utilizing the 10% New Mexico Outfitter allocation are doing so at their own risk and successful applicants will be denied access to WSMR by WSMR resulting in the inability to hunt. NMDGF is working to resolve the conflict but cannot guarantee that there will be a successful resolution. Applicants are advised to check the NMDGF website regularly for updates on this issue.

Do Not Apply If

Do not apply if: 1.) you are not a United States citizen; 2.) you do not have an appropriate WSMR security and hunt badge; or 3.) you cannot be escorted by someone carrying a WSMR security and hunt badge.

Eligibility and Restrictions

Oryx hunts ORX-1-112 through ORX-1-117 (page 104) are available only to United States citizens with appropriate WSMR security and hunt badges and to their guests in accordance with WSMR provisions. Access to WSMR is not guaranteed for these hunts. Hunts will be on remote areas of WSMR. Hunts will occur only on weekends, nonduty days and holidays.

2015 WSMR Hunt Permit holders and their guests will be allowed to participate. Permit holder must have received a 2015 WSMR Hunt Permit by March 18, 2015.

WSMR Security Badge Hunts: Eligibility and Restrictions—continued.

Hunters unaccompanied by a permitted sponsor will be denied access to the hunt. If uncertain about eligibility, please telephone: 1-888-248-6866.

Applying for WSMR Security Badge Hunts

No more than two persons may apply on each application. Application must be made through the NMDGF draw by March 18, 2015. Applicants may designate a maximum of three hunt code choices. For further information about access and badge requirements, contact WSMR:

(575) 678-7909 or (575) 678-7095.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
WSMR TBA - WSMR Military Only*	TBD	ORX-1-112	.15	.ES

* ORX-1-112 is only available to military personnel stationed at WSMR. Proof of assignment must be provided each year before the draw deadline by e-mail or mail (page 13). Hunt dates will be determined based on stationing status of individual military personnel. Additional information will be mailed to licensed hunters prior to the hunt.

WSMR TBA	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-113	.25	.ES
WSMR TBA	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-114	.25	.ES
WSMR TBA	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-115	.25	.ES
WSMR TBA	Jan. 1-31, '16	ORX-1-116	.25	.ES
WSMR TBA	Feb. 1-29, '16	ORX-1-117	.25	.ES

Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Hunts (These are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

The hunts listed below have been established for New Mexico resident veterans who have served on active military duty in Iraq or Afghanistan (see *Oryx Hunts for Iraq-Afghanistan Returnees*, page 14). All hunts are held on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). No more than two persons may apply on each application. Application must be made by March 18, 2015. **Proof of Military Service Required:** Each year, applicants must provide proof of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan before the application deadline. A **copy** of Orders or DD-214 can be e-mailed: specialhunts@state.nm.us, faxed: (505) 476-8180, or mailed to: NMDGF, Special Hunts Office, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504. **Blaze-Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze-orange clothing while hunting on military property.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Stallion Range - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Oct. 2-4	ORX-1-103	.5	.ES
Rhodes Canyon - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Nov. 13-15	ORX-1-105	.5	.ES
Stallion Range - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Jan. 8-10, '16	ORX-1-107	.5	.ES
Rhodes Canyon - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Jan. 22-24, '16	ORX-1-109	.5	.ES
Stallion Range - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Feb. 19-21, '16	ORX-1-111	.5	.ES

Off-WSMR Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Open Areas: Lands administered by the Forest Service and BLM, State Trust Land, and private property with written permission. **Closed Areas:** White Sands Missile Range, Jornada Experimental Range, San Andres National Wildlife Refuge, Holloman Air Force Base, Fort Bliss / McGregor areas in units 19 and 28, and other lands closed to hunting.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Statewide, off-range	June 1-30	ORX-1-204. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	June 1-30	ORX-1-205. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	July 1-31.	ORX-1-206. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	July 1-31.	ORX-1-207. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-208. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-209. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-210. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-211 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-212. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-213. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-214. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-215 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-216. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-217 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Jan. 1-31, '16	ORX-1-218. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Jan. 1-31, '16	ORX-1-219 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Feb. 1-29, '16	ORX-1-220. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Feb. 1-29, '16	ORX-1-221 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Mar. 1-31, '16.	ORX-1-222. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Mar. 1-31, '16.	ORX-1-223. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES

Private-land Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

License Fees

Resident

Nonresident

Private-land License: \$153 \$1,610

Private-land Oryx Licenses are valid only on deeded private land. Hunters must obtain and possess written permission from the landowner. Private-land Oryx Licenses are valid for a period of one month and must correspond to the hunt dates, eligibility requirements/restrictions, sporting arm type and bag limits listed in the table above (*Off-WSMR Hunts*). In addition to the dates above statewide private-land, off-range licenses are available for April and May. Licenses are available at NMDGF offices, online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, or by telephone: 1-888-248-6866.

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McGregor Range Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Hunts are on lands administered by Fort Bliss. All hunters may apply for the ORX-1-224 and the ORX-1-226 hunt. Applicants for Fort Bliss/McGregor Range hunts must possess proof of successfully completing a certified Hunter Education Course before the hunt. Applicants for military only hunts must submit proof of service prior to the application deadline (page 13). All hunters must wear a blaze-orange hat and hunting vest while hunting. Hunters may be required to visit El Paso, TX to obtain an access pass. For further information, contact Fort Bliss: brian.a.locke.civ@mail.mil.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
McGregor Range	Dec. 5-6	ORX-1-226 . . . . .	.25 . . . . .	.ES
McGregor Range - Military Only	Dec. 5-6	ORX-1-227 . . . . .	.25 . . . . .	.ES
McGregor Range	Jan. 9-10, '16	ORX-1-224 . . . . .	.25 . . . . .	.ES
McGregor Range - Military Only	Jan. 9-10, '16	ORX-1-225 . . . . .	.25 . . . . .	.ES

